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## Evening Mercury

MACDONNELL STREET  
WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 18, 1868.

### THE FATE OF REPEAL.

The intelligence which the cable conveys this morning will astonish the repealers of Nova Scotia. Mr. Bright was, as it was announced some days ago he would be the champion of repealers, and made a motion in the English House of Commons for a commission of Enquiry to investigate the causes of grievance set forth in a petition which Mr. Howe and Mr. Adderley carried to England. As might be expected, Mr. Bright made a fine speech in moving his resolution, but the force of his arguments, which were not lent him for the occasion by the repealers of the repeal movement, were, unfortunately for him and his clients, broken up by Mr. Adderley, who acted on behalf of the Government. A motion for the issue of a Commission was negatived by the very decided majority of 96, and here ended the protest. What will the Repealers do now? What but settle down quietly and consider themselves a part of the opinion never to be lopped off, and thank Heaven that there are wiser men in England than they are. They are not into Confederation with their open, and they should have been content to stay there and say nothing about it, and if they do not live to see the time when they will call the 4th of July the best of the year their children very likely will. If they had only reflect on the means by which the union was effected between England and Scotland, and on the which after all resulted from the signing of the two countries, they would surely see on what slender grounds they based their complaints. The Union of 1707 was very aptly compared to a marriage of a woman against her will, yet the parties have since dwelt very harmoniously together, and with mutual benefit. It is the fault of the Nova Scotians who consummated in 1867 the equally productive of happiness.

### BREWERY ON THE BRAIN.

There are more people than one who imagine afflicted with a disease known as monomania. The editor of the Hamilton Times appears to be, the disorder takes the form of a belief that the country has been, and is being robbed by the rascality of brewers and the lax administration of excise laws. In Tuesday's issue, referring to the notice of a seizure of a brewery, which had appeared in the Mercury some time ago, to the effect that it played in exposing the frauds which were being perpetrated, and in bringing about an investigation, the editor proceeds:

There is another matter in connection with the former seizure that strikes us as strange, and into which we desire to make some inquiry. When the property was seized for the actual violation of the Revenue laws, it is forfeited, and the owners all right and title to it. The law is that it shall be sold, the Government taking one-half the proceeds and the other half. But, in the case of the seizure in Waterloo, the property was sold, as we are informed, a compromise being made. On what authority, we should like to know?—these excise officers to hold a secret sale, and make such compromises and settlements as they deem proper? This would be more than the Old Star Chamber Court in England, whose proceedings provoked the infamous notoriety in 1771. If the excise officers are to determine the nature of compromise, may they not so arrange the party guilty of the fraud as to put a hundred or a thousand dollars into their pockets and a hundred dollars into the pocket of the brewer? The insinuations in the latter part of the quotation are mean, unjust and untrue. It is a grave matter to accuse public officers of peculation, and the present case there is not a shadow of reason for so doing. After the excise officers were seized the brewers never proceeded one single step except by direct instructions from Government. Shortly after the seizure the owners of some of the breweries, if not of all, deposited in the hands of the full amount of what they were belonging to each, that was added for sale was worth, and begged Government to take the money and allow them to resume business. There had been such a furore raised at these very same breweries that long time the Government regarded the seizure as an example of the Waterloo in order that others might be deterred, but at length they inclined to a compromise, that is, they allowed to take the money the brewers deposited in the Bank and taught them to consider this leniency whatever were the terms of the compromise were dictated by the Government, the excise officers having no part in "determining the nature of the compromise." Allowing the Government credit for the excellence of its intentions, we must censure the impudence which insinuates on mere ordinary grounds that two gentlemen of public suspicion are guilty of peculation. Certainly in this case the journal should have thought before it spoke once, and evinced wisdom by showing its veneration for the old proverb.

THE NEW MINISTER TO BRITAIN.—The appointment of the Hon. Reverend Dr. Johnson as representative of the United Kingdom in England seems to give entire satisfaction in both countries. Mr. Johnson was appointed by the President and signified his readiness to depart as soon as the necessary arrangements are made out. These arrangements are now being completed.

## THE NORTH WEST.

The Ottawa correspondent of the Toronto Telegraph sends the following to that paper:—The recent official announcement, made in the Imperial Parliament and sent by Atlantic Cable on the subject of the negotiations for the acquisition of the Hudson Bay Territory, has an explanation of deep significance. The explanation is this: Some new propositions were recently made by the Imperial Government to the Government of the Dominion, on the subject of this purchase. They were embraced under three heads, of which the two most objectionable were—that reservations of land should be made at important points for the Company, and that it should be entitled to receive a shilling an acre for all the land disposed of to settlers in addition to the prices agreed upon, in the first instance. These proposals, together with the third, which related to a matter of detail connected with the conveyance of the sovereignty, were rejected by the Government here, and a despatch containing the decision was sent across the Atlantic. At the time the recent announcement was made in the Imperial Parliament that the despatch was in possession of the Government.

There is some reason to suspect that the Imperial Government is anxious to avoid the fulfilment of a previous promise to guarantee the loan necessary for the purchase of this territory. However this may be, there can hardly be a doubt that the correspondence that had taken place between the two governments has, for the time, placed this question of the acquisition of the territory in abeyance. No bill, to provide for the guarantee, has been introduced into Parliament, and it is the opinion of those best informed on the subject that none need be expected.

## FIRE TEST.—The London Free Press says:—

The Act which provides for the inspection of refined petroleum has come into force. Sec. 12 says that it shall not be lawful, after the 15th of June, to "offer for sale, or have in possession, any refined petroleum which has not been inspected, or offered for inspection, under the act." The "fire test" provided for is that of 115°, and every person who shall fail to demand inspection of the oil in his possession, or retain it in his possession after inspection if it does not come up to 115°, "fire test," is to be held guilty of a misdemeanor, and liable to a fine of \$500, or six months' jail, or both, in the discretion of the court before which the case is heard. The inspection fee for every barrel or package containing not less than 20 gallons is to be 20 cents; and for any less quantities at the rate of 1 cent per gallon. No distinction is made as to lots held for private use, and, strictly speaking, every one having a pint in their tin cans should have it inspected. But this inspection will, under existing arrangements, be a long business, and if no person is to sell refined oil of a lower fire test than 115° before inspection, he may have to wait many weeks before his turn comes. Refiners who have stocks on hand of a lower grade than that spoken of must return it all to the stills, and raise its standard. In that case, though the oil may have been refined long before the act in question was passed or thought of, it will be liable to duty and re-inspection. It appears, however, that since the Petroleum Act was passed the "fire test" upon stocks held by dealers, though not on those of refiners, has been modified by an order in Council. The following is the clause in the Order referring to it:—"Refined Petroleum which was on the 22nd May, 1868, in possession of parties who were Refiners, may be allowed to pass inspection, provided it bears a fire test of one hundred degrees Fahrenheit thermometer without giving off vapor that will explode or ignite on the application of fire."

## New Advertisements.

### GUELPH BOOKBINDERY.

BLANK BOOKS of Every Description.  
Ledgers, Journals,  
Day Books, Copying Books,  
Time Books, Pass Books,  
Procedure Books, Copy Books,  
Made to order on the Shortest Notice  
OF THE BEST MATERIAL.  
W. J. McCURRY.

### Fresh Arrivals!

Westleyan and Congregational Hymn Books,  
"The New Lute of Zion,"  
"Home Home," Canadian Speaker

Hollid's Medical Works

## New Advertisements.

### PORTRAIT PAINTING.

Portraits Painted in Oil from Photographs or Ambrotypes.  
PRICE, FROM \$5 TO \$8.  
By MILTON M. FOLSON,  
Room No. 11, Day's Block, Guelph,  
Guelph, June 18th.

### 2, DAY'S BLOCK.

Received to-day, a Choice Lot of

Bacon, Hams,  
Shoulders, &c.

SMOKED OR UNSMOKED.

### At E. CARROLL & CO'S

No. 2, GUELPH.

Guelph, June 18.

## New Catechism

FOR THE PEOPLE.

WHO do the Largest Boot and Shoe Business in Guelph?  
PREST & HEPBURN.  
Who have the largest and best assorted stock of Boots and Shoes in Guelph?  
PREST & HEPBURN.  
Who have the Newest and Best Styles of Boots and Shoes in Guelph?  
PREST & HEPBURN.  
Who have always been ahead in Style, Material, Workmanship, Neatness and Durability?  
PREST & HEPBURN.  
The subscribers being the only Manufacturers in Guelph, are in a position to offer inducements to the public which no other House in the Trade can do. CALL AND SEE, and you will be convinced that large and varied as has always been our Stock, the one now on hand far exceeds anything ever shown, by us in the past.

### Support Home Manufacture

And keep your money in the County.

Remember our Goods are all Warranted.  
TERMS Cash, and no Second Price.  
PREST & HEPBURN.  
Guelph, June 18.

## BOOKSTORE.

### NEW FANCY GOODS,

LADIES' FANS,  
Gents' Fancy Walking Canes,  
FANCY PIPES,  
Tobacco Pouches, Satchels, &c.

### At W. J. McCURRY'S

Bookseller, Wyndham-st.,  
Guelph, June 12, 1868.

## NEW

### Factory Cheese!

At JOHN A. WOOD'S.

### SMOKED, Sugar-cured HAM'S!

At JOHN A. WOOD'S.

### BOTTLED ALE AND PORTER

At JOHN A. WOOD'S.

### SARDINES, LOBSTERS,

SALMON and MACKEREL.  
At JOHN A. WOOD'S.

## BISCUITS

ALL KINDS, FRESH.  
At JOHN A. WOOD'S.  
Guelph, June 17th, 1868.

## REUNION

GRAMMAR SCHOOL REUNION  
ON FRIDAY, 26th INSTANT  
IN AID OF THE  
SCHOOL GROUNDS.

Particulars hereafter.  
Guelph, 18th June, 1868.

## TO CONTRACTORS

### TENDERS WANTED

FOR the erection of a Wood Shed in the Jail Yard, and other work connected with the Jail.  
Plans and specifications are on view at James Lindsay's Hotel, Market Square.  
Also, tenders for IRON GRATING for the windows of the safe in the Registry Office.  
Any information required will be furnished by the undersigned.  
Tenders to be left at Lindsay's on or before Friday, 27th instant, by 12 o'clock noon.

## JUST TO HAND

A SMALL LOT OF

LADIES' and MISSES'

## STRAW HATS.

PRICE--5c, 10c, 12½c, 15c, and 20c.

WORTH FIVE TIMES THE MONEY.

## W.M. STEWART

AS much pleasure in informing and calling the marked attention of his friends and the public, that he has succeeded in relieving TWO WHOLESALE HOUSES of their stock of goods suited for the present season, value, at half cost, over \$10,000, of Dress Goods, Hosiery, Shirts, Flannels, Skirtings, and a large lot of Hatterdashery.

### AT HALF THE COST

OF THE GOODS Laid DOWN.

The undernoted lines will bear out his statement that he is now giving the public benefit:

2635 yds. Dress Goods reduced to \$0.10 Former Price, 20c.

2354 do do do 0.12½ Former price, 25c.

2120 do do do 0.15 Former price, 70c.

1976 do do do 0.20 Former price, 35c.

265 Fancy Dresses, each, 1.00 Former price, \$2.25.

175 do do do 1.25 Former price, \$2.50.

300 do do do 1.50 Former price, \$3.00.

215 do do do 2.00 Former price \$4.00.

Choice Lot of do., do., \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50.

A SMALL Lot of Dresses, slightly soiled, will be offered at nearly a nominal price.

A LOT of Ladies' Jackets, in Meltons, Velvet, Tissue, Silk and Water-Proof Cloths, will be offered at below quotations.

A LOT of Shirting FLANNEL at half price.

A LOT of Gambroons and Kentucky Jeans from 12½c per yard.

A LOT of Hosiery, bottled and striped, from 12½c per pair.

A LOT of Cotton Gloves at 5c per pair.

A LOT of Croquet Skirts and Skirt-lings at prices.

### SPECIAL ATTENTION

DIRECTED to a lot of Light Ground Prints, partially damaged by water in transit, at 12½c per yard, worth 17c.

Lace and Muslin Curtains, Sheetings, Pillow Cottons, White and Coloured Quilts, Toilet Covers, Damasks, in Union and Wool, Repps, Towels, Hucks, Crash, Tickings, Bleached and Grey Cottons will be offered at Low Prices.

NOTE.—The above Goods were never sold in the Town of Guelph at such a sacrifice in price. Every one should consult their interests by an early call.

W.M. STEWART,

## New Advertisements.

## BRITANNIA HOUSE

GRAND SALE OF

## MILLINERY, MANTLES,

RIBBONS, FLOWERS, FEATHERS, &c.

Commencing FRIDAY, JUNE 19th. Intending purchasers would do well by calling early, in order to get a choice assortment, as we are determined to clear out the balance of our Spring and Summer Fancy Goods at any price.

## HEFFERNAN BROS.

Guelph, 18th June, 1868.

## No. 7,

Wyndham Street, - - GUELPH.

## JACKSON & HALLETT

5 Hhd Claret at \$1.50 per gallon.  
50 cases do at \$3 per case  
200 doz Sparkling Canadian Ale at \$1.50 per doz  
100 dozen Porter at \$2.50 per dozen  
10,000 Habana Cigars, old and in fine condition.  
15,000 Mamilla Cheroots at \$4 per box

## GENUINE BRANDIES!

MARTELL'S & HENNESSY'S.

## FANS AND

## FEATHER DUSTERS

A BIG SUPPLY OF FANS AND FEATHER DUSTERS

## AT CUTHBERT'S

Book and Fancy Store, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Guelph, 16th June, 1868.

## New Fruits

NEW FRUITS AT

## THE FRUIT DEPOT

Pine Apples,  
Oranges and Lemons,  
Strawberries & Tomatoes  
EXPECTED DAILY.  
Fresh Oysters arriving daily.

## HUGH WALKER,

Wholesale and Retail Fruit dealer Wyndham-st., Guelph.

## GREAT BARGAINS.

GREAT BARGAINS AT THE

## Rutherford House, Guelph.

THE large and varied stock of DRY GOODS at the above place are now being sold at and under cost. Great Bargains are given as the whole lot is to be sold out forthwith. Also, in Stock a full supply of TURNIP SEED from the most approved seedsmen, viz:

Skirring's Improved, | Sutton's Champion, | White Globe,  
Bangholm, | Dawburn's I.P. Top, | Yellow Aberdeen,  
Marshall's, | Sharpe's Improved, | Rape & other Seeds.

W.M. STEWART,